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TOPIC Information on the Volkspolizei Inft

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DATE OF CONTENT 13 to 16 June 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. In mid-June 1953, [REDACTED] the VPL headquarters [REDACTED] headquarters was to move to Cottbus. Equipment of the headquarters had already been dispatched there. All the material not absolutely required was being packed and all headquarters personnel on leave were recalled in connection with the imminent transfer. A guard platoon and the dog kennel had already been moved to Cottbus. At a meeting of the civilian employees of the VPL headquarters held on 10 June Major Altmueller, commanding officer of the headquarters, stated that only the mechanics of the motor transport unit would be transferred to Cottbus.
2. Personnel assigned to the VPL headquarters included:
 Commanding officer of the VP air arm, KESSLER;
 Deputy commanding officer, Zorn;
 Chief of staff, Lieutenant Colonel Sommerfeld;
 Chief of training department, Colonel Lehwess-Litzmann;
 Chief of political department, Colonel Franke;
 Chief of cadre division, Lieutenant Colonel Barthel;
 Chief of personnel department, Captain Radom;
 In charge of technical training including meteorology, Colonel Schroeder;
 In charge of airfield construction work, Colonel Weikert;
 Chief of medical department, Seifert, who replaced Rippelmeyer after the latter escaped to the West;
 Chief of rear services, Colonel Alter;
 Commanding officer of signal unit, Lieutenant Colonel Noffke;
 Commanding officer of guard unit, Captain Zimelka. The guard unit was organized into three platoons with about 45 men to each platoon.

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[redacted] The transfer of the command element of the VPL headquarters from Berlin-Johannisthal to Cottbus was reported previously. [redacted]

[redacted] Major Altmueller was first mentioned as holding the assignment of commanding officer of the headquarters.

[redacted] Comment. Most of the officers mentioned were previously known as holding the assignments mentioned. Major Sommerfeld was previously carried as being deputy chief of staff and chief of the operations division. Colonel Weikert is chief of the VPL construction department.

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